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1. SUMMARY: DGS DIRECTORS IN MOZAMBIQUE HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE SCENE. MOST DGS PERSONNEL ABSORBED BY MILITARY AND GUARDA FISCAL CONTINUING TO CARRY OUT THEIR PREVIOUS FUNCTIONS, EXCEPT FOR SO-CALLED "POLITICAL ACTIVITIES", WHICH ARE SUSPENDED. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS OF MAY 5 REPORTS JOINT GOVERNMENT-MILITARY HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THAT, AS RESULT OF "EXTINCTION" OF DGS:

A) CONTROL OF PORTS, AIRPORTS AND BORDERS HAS BECOME RESPONSIBILITY OF GUARDA FISCAL (COMBINATION OF COAST GUARD AND CUSTOMS).
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B) IN VIEW TECHNICAL NATURE OF THESE OPERATIONS AND IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THEIR PERFORMANCE, PERSONNEL OF EXTINCT DGS WILL REMAIN TEMPORARILY ON DUTY TO HELP GUARDA FISCAL, UNDER LATTERS CONTROL. (NOTE: THIS DIRECTIVE HAS BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT AND FORMER DGS PERSONNEL ARE STILL OFFICIATING AT BORDERS AND AIRPORT. SECURITY CHECK REQUESTS FORMERLY ADDRESSED BY CONGEN TO DGS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO COMMANDER OF GUARDA FISCAL).

3. COMMUNIQUE NO. 23/74 OF MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND DATED MAY 9 ANNOUNCES THAT MEASURES TAKEN TO RESTRUCTURE DGS AND CONVERT IT INTO MILITARY INFORMATION SERVICE ARE WELL ADVANCED:

A) DGS HAS CEASED ALL POLITICAL FUNCTIONS;

B) MILITARY SUPERVISION OVER DGS ESTABLISHED BY APPOINTMENT OF AN ARMY OFFICER (COL. ANTONIO MARIA REBELO) AS DGS DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ALL SUBORDINATE ENTITIES THROUGH LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDS;

C) CERTAIN DGS SECTORS ARE NOW OPERATING AS MILITARY INFORMATION AGENCIES UNDER ARMY CONTROL AND FOR SOLE USE OF ARMED FORCES OPERATIONS.

D) OTHER DGS NON-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ARE GRADUALLY BEING DIVERTED INTO MILITARY OR MILITARIZED CHANNELS, NAMELY CONTROL OF PORTS, AIRPORTS, AND BORDER POSTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER GUARDA FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

E) SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN RE DGS TELECOMMUNI-CATIONS NETWORK WHICH IS BEING INTEGRATED INTO THE MILITARY NETWORK;

F) EFFORTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE TO CARRY OUT OTHER MEASURES SUCH AS CONTROL OVER DGS PERSONNEL, FILES, PROPERTY, AND WEAPONS, AS WELL AS LIBERATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

4. COMMENT: DGS HAS THUS FAR NOT BEEN AS PROMINENT A SCAPE-GOAT HERE AS IN EITHER PORTUGAL OR ANGOLA. SHORTLY AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUP DGS DIRECTOR PEREIRA DE CASTRO WAS EASED OUT OF OFFICE AND, PRESUMABLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY AS WELL, WITHOUT ANY PUBLICITY. ONE OR TWO OF THE BETTER KNOWN INSPECTORS WERE ON VACATION IN PORTUGAL AT COUP-TIME AND HAVE NOT RETURNED. OTHERS HAVE KEPT OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE AND STILL OTHERS, INCLUDING ANTONIO GOMES LOPES, MAIN DGS LINK WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKERS, ARE BACK AT WORK. THERE HAVE BEEN NO KNOWN ARRESTS OR PURSUITS OF DGS PERSONNEL. RUMORS SPREAD BY SOUTH AFRICAN

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NEWSPAPERS TO EFFECT THAT DGS REFUGEES FROM PORTUGAL HAD
ARRIVED IN MOZAMBIQUE TO CARRY OUT COUNTER-COUP, PROVED TO
BE FALSE. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT "DEMOCRATAS" OF MOZAMBIQUE
WILL TRY MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF ALLEGED TORTURE,
STARVATION, AND OTHER MISHANDLING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN DGS-RUN PRISONS. THIS COULD DEVELOP INTO WITCH-HUNT BUT
HAS THUS FAR NOT CAUGHT THE PUBLIC'S FANCY.
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